NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT MODIFICATION

PERMIT NO.: WA-002264-1

APPLICANT: City of Blaine Wastewater Treatment Plant

9235 Semiahmoo Parkway Blaine, Whatcom County

The City of Blaine has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit modification in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code, and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The City of Blaine's NPDES permit is being modified to add the new wastewater treatment plant -The Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility. It will share the same outfall as the City's current treatment plant and will be capable of producing reclaimed water and treated wastewater that is available for limited uses such as irrigation.

A tentative determination to issue the permit has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions which are intended to prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and statement of basis may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Bellingham and Bellevue offices for inspection and copying between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To view or obtain a copy at the Bellingham Office, please schedule an appointment by calling Linsay Albin, 360-715-5200. To view or obtain a copy at the Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue, please call Sally Perkins at 425-649-7190, e-mail sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Mark Henderson Department of Ecology Bellingham Field Office 1440 10th St., Suite 102 Bellingham, WA 98225

Email comments should be sent to mark.henderson@ecy.wa.gov

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit modification within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Tricia Miller at 425-649-7201. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

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